

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (CONT.)
& SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2009

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:11PM Moderator Francis Larkin declared a quorum (50) present and reconvened the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 4, 2009. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated June 1, 2009. The warrants were posted according to Town by-laws by a sworn Constable.

Moderator Larkin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents include Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls, Acting Fire Chief Tom Daige, Library Director Ann Fields and Blackstone Valley Regional School Superintendent Michael Fitzpatrick. The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Eugene Phillips moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting, to be reopened at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, and to open the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator

Article 1: Selectman Chair Alan Ryan moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre-7/1/08) as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>
EnTact Solutions, Inc. (ETS)	\$5,910.00	Coordinator – Environmental Cleanup
Doering Equipment Co.	\$ 33.69	Water, Bldg Repairs & Maintenance

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:17pm.

Article 2: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:18pm.

Article 3: Town Coordinator Phillips moved to transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$100,000.00 to offset debt payments for fiscal year 2010. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:23pm.

Article 4: Gene Phillips moved to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings, the sum of \$70,000.00 to offset debt payments. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:26pm.

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Article 5: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article that will be considered at the Fall 2009 Special Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:27pm.

Article 6: School Superintendent Patricia Ruane moved to appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) Dollars for the replacement cost of a portion of the roof at the Hopedale Memorial School, located at 6 Prospect Street and including 27,000 square feet, plus or minus, of roof section belonging to the older portion of the buildings which include all sections present prior to the 1995 addition, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and fifty-three hundredths percent (53.53%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

The motion was seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority at 7:32pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 7: Karla Hopkins moved to transfer from FY2008 certified Free Cash the amount of \$113,360 to be expended for the following projects:

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| • School Dept, Technology | \$59,000 |
| • School Dept, Van | \$11,760 |
| • Fire Dept., Turnout Gear | \$15,600 |
| • Police Cruiser | \$27,000 |

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:37pm.

Article 8: Selectman Mike Collins moved to pass over this article

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:37pm.

Article 9: Planning Board Member Carol Whyte moved to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Law by amending portions of "Section 12 – Prohibited Uses", by adding Medical Waste Treatment Facility. The proposed amendment is:

12.12 Definition: Any structure or facility (or part thereof), or any parcel of land, used for the purpose of treating, processing, staging, storing or disposing of infectious or physically dangerous medical or biological waste. The waste described in this definition

shall mean waste which because of its characteristics may: cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or pose a substantial present potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed, and shall include all “Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste”, as that term is defined (from time to time) in 105 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 480.000 “Storage and Disposal of Infection or Physically-Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste State Sanitary Code Chapter VII” or, in the event that such definition is repealed, as said waste is defined elsewhere in said Code of Massachusetts Regulation or applicable state law. Medical Waste Treatment Facilities’ shall not include hospitals, clinics, medical or dental offices, or laboratories, that treat or process waste described in this section that is generated by such facilities’ primary activities, provided that such waste is treated or processed in accordance with all applicable laws.

*Prohibited in all zoning districts.

The motion was seconded.

The article received a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Board.

After much discussion a motion to move the question was made, seconded and passed.

The main motion was passed by a voiced and standing 2/3-majority vote as declared by the Moderator.

A motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting Warrant was heard, seconded and passed.

A motion to reopen the recessed Annual Town Meeting was heard, seconded and passed.

Gene Phillips moved to hear reports from any offices, departments or committees. The motion was seconded and passed. School Committee Chair Richard Martin spoke regarding the school budget, retiring member Liz Lerner, new member Grace Pool and a regionalization sub-committee that will present its report in March 2010.

Gene Phillips moved to require any increase request in a specific budget item to be offset with a corresponding budget item decrease due to the Town reaching the levy limit. The motion was seconded and passed at 8:09pm.

Article 4: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved to create a Capital Improvement Stabilization Account to be used for the purposes of providing funding for the improvements and rehabilitation of municipal buildings, and to transfer from 2008 Certified Free Cash into the Capital Improvement Stabilization Account the amount of \$142,299.

The motion was seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority as declared by the Moderator at 8:14pm. (1 negative vote).

Article 9: Selectman Robert Burns moved, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, Section 137-17 to adjust the salaries to be paid by an increase of 0.00% as shown on the Compensation Plan:

Town of Hopedale Rate Schedule

2010 Rate Increase = 0.0%

Grade	Hourly		Annual		Annual		% Between Grades	% Between Min/Max
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum		
			@40.0 Hr		@37.5 Hr			
1	\$ 10.33	\$ 12.40	\$ 21,574.55	\$ 25,889.46	\$ 20,148.64	\$ 24,178.37		20%
2	\$ 13.43	\$ 16.12	\$ 27,939.45	\$ 33,527.34	\$ 26,193.23	\$ 31,431.88	30%	20%
3	\$ 13.97	\$ 16.76	\$ 29,067.77	\$ 34,870.58	\$ 27,251.04	\$ 32,691.17	4%	20%
4	\$ 14.53	\$ 17.44	\$ 30,222.96	\$ 36,267.56	\$ 28,334.03	\$ 34,000.83	4%	20%
5	\$ 15.25	\$ 18.30	\$ 31,727.40	\$ 38,067.50	\$ 29,744.43	\$ 35,688.28	5%	20%
6	\$ 16.02	\$ 19.22	\$ 33,312.42	\$ 39,974.91	\$ 31,230.40	\$ 37,476.47	5%	20%
7	\$ 17.29	\$ 20.76	\$ 35,972.04	\$ 43,171.82	\$ 33,723.79	\$ 40,473.58	8%	20%
8	\$ 17.99	\$ 21.60	\$ 37,422.74	\$ 44,918.04	\$ 35,083.82	\$ 42,110.66	4%	20%
9	\$ 18.71	\$ 24.32	\$ 38,927.18	\$ 50,586.52	\$ 36,494.23	\$ 47,424.87	4%	30%
10	\$ 20.59	\$ 26.76	\$ 42,822.58	\$ 55,663.98	\$ 40,146.17	\$ 52,184.98	10%	30%
11	\$ 23.67	\$ 31.95	\$ 49,243.28	\$ 66,463.65	\$ 46,165.58	\$ 62,309.68	15%	35%
12	\$ 28.40	\$ 41.19	\$ 59,075.82	\$ 85,672.03	\$ 55,383.58	\$ 80,317.52	20%	45%

The motion was seconded and passed at 8:15pm.

Article 10: Karla Hopkins moved to raise and appropriate \$18,464,911*, transfer from School Building Study Committee \$5,940.08, from Council on Aging Center Study \$4,962.56, from RR Relocation of Art 12 of the 06/12/06 ATM \$15,000 and from Certified 2008 Free Cash \$21,030 to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2010 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

* **CORRECTION:** The correct amount for raise & appropriate is \$18,458,843. The difference of \$6,068 is an arithmetical error. No budget figures have been changed, rather the incorrect total. Kathy Reed of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has approved this correction.

Ms. Hopkins read the following budget numbers into the record:

The following accounts were asked to be placed “on hold”: Town Counsel, Cable TV Committee, Fire, Forestry – Tree Planting, School Department, Health Officer, Veterans, Health & Life Insurance Premiums, and Workers’ Compensation. A motion was made to remove the Cable TV budget of \$85,000 as this funding was previously addressed in Article 16 during the first session of the Annual Town Meeting on May 19, 2009. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:00pm. The remaining “holds” were discussed, seconded and were all approved as declared by the Moderator. The Moderator then heard a motion to accept the entire budget as read by Ms. Hopkins (with the exception of the \$85,000 Cable TV budget which was removed). The motion was seconded and passed at 9:29pm.

Article 13: Karla Hopkins moved to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$112,316, Expenses \$46,163. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:29pm.

Article 24: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:29pm.

Article 25: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:30pm.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was heard, seconded and carried at 9:30pm.

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Town Clerk